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A CONVERSATION GROUP at Kroencke Hall during fellowship hour.

## A Doorway for the Word

Excerpts from the final paragraphs of Dr. Richard Caemmerer's address delivered at the convention services on Sunday morning in the University auditorium.

"It is becoming harder and harder for Christian people to keep uppermost the priorities of the Spirit, the things of the Kingdom of God. It is becoming harder to keep talking about Jesus Christ as Savior. But that sort of talking is all important if men are to keep the Spirit alive in themselves and in the church. Hence we are so happy that you people from all over our land and church can be linked together in this Christian enterprise. It is forcing you to think through what Jesus Christ means to you and to the young people of today. It is forcing you to talk to each other and to many other people of our church, the great aims of God and His goals for His people, namely that they live their life today and tomorrow by faith in Christ Jesus. Well, do you see what God is doing? He is opening a door of utterance, a doorway for the Word, the Word of Christ.

"Valparaiso University owes you a great debt of gratitude for your efforts on its behalf. But you yourselves owe God a great debt of gratitude that He is using your activities on behalf of this school in order to deepen the life of the Spirit within you and to convey it to many others. For you are not just collectors of money, you are distributors of the Spirit of the living God. May our gracious Lord Himself continue to encourage you and to quicken you through His Spirit, that your speech might be filled with the good word about our Savior and your lives crowded with the energies for His high tasks."

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# Report of the National President

MRS. E. T. J. BIRNER

September 27th, 1952

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door." This is the theme of our annual convention. The words are the words of Christ to His church in Philadelphia and are recorded in the 3rd chapter of Revelation. Christ gave the Philadelphia church an open door, the open door of God's grace for the preaching of His Gospel. Christ is still the same. He opens doors to fields of labor. One is the door to the field of Christian education, an example of which is Valparaiso University and its auxiliaries. By the grace of God a group of consecrated Christians forming the Lutheran University Association acquired this University. By the grace of God, the Valparaiso University Guild was organized. By the grace of God, the University and the Guild have grown and prospered. Viewing the open door as a symbol of opportunity, the opportunity for growth and service, we unhesitatingly appropriate the words, "I have set before thee an open door," as a fitting theme for this 21st annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild. We gratefully acknowledge Christ as the Author and humbly implore His blessing upon our deliberation this day.

In the 12 months that have gone by since our last convention, your administrative committee, in conducting the work of the Guild, met four times, your Executive Board, twice. The Executive Board meeting in February was well attended as was also the pre-convention meeting of the Executive Board held yesterday afternoon. The five State Unit meetings, which were held last fall in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Grand Rapids, Mich., Chicago, Ill., Lancaster, Ohio, and LaPorte, Ind., were impressively successful in program and attendance and were well organized. Mrs. Heidbrink, your executive secretary, and I attended each meeting to present reports from the national convention.

Representing the Guild, I attended the two day sessions of the University Board of Directors and the National Advisory Board of the Lutheran University Association last November and three meetings of the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso University Association. At these meetings I was given the opportunity to report on the progress being made in Guild work. As your president, I attended also the dedication of the new Engineering-

Fine Arts building—named the Dr. Frederick William Kroenke Memorial Building — and was present at the Spring Commencement ceremonies.

I recall with pleasure attending the silver tea sponsored by the Indianapolis, Indiana, chapter at which I, with Mrs. Heidbrink and Mrs. Tangerman from the University in the receiving line with the hostess, Mrs. Schricker, wife of Gov. Schricker, was privileged to greet over two hundred guests, Guild members and friends. This tea was indeed a lovely open door to new friends for the University and the Guild.

Congratulatory messages were sent to the Cleveland Chapter, celebrating its 20th anniversary last January, and to the Saginaw Chapter, observing in its 1952-53 calendar its 20th anniversary year. To the president of the Central Illinois LWML, meeting in Springfield, Illinois, I conveyed in person the good wishes of our Administrative Committee for a successful convention. And, I addressed the women of the Decatur, Illinois, Chapter at a regular meeting.

This year, again, has brought us two Guild editions of the Valparaiso University Bulletin, Nov. '51 and June '52, with comprehensive reports of Guild business at the 1951 annual convention and the meeting of the Executive Board in February and the reports of your president and executive secretary. An interesting picture of Guild activities, past and present, is found in the articles headed Memories, Convention Highlights, and Chapter Chatter. To our executive secretary must go the credit for these beautifully edited numbers.

When you hear the report of our treasurer, you will no doubt experience a warm glow of satisfaction. Two years ago we entered upon our new project with a little feeling of skepticism. The physical rehabilitation of the campus could not provide the appeal of a Guild Hall or a Prayer Chapel. There would be no specific spot or building to which to "point with pride." The project receipts show the needlessness of our fears. We commend the presidents and faithful members of our many Guild Chapters for their ready response to the needs of the University.

Your executive secretary will present two newly organized Chapters to you this morning. In this connection I would like to turn the spot



light of your attention upon an event of this past summer which may prove significant in our program of expansion. In the evening session of the meeting of the Valparaiso University Circuit Chairmen, July 21st, the question, "How Can We Organize more Guild Chapters?" was presented. At this meeting of about two hundred clergymen, who represent Valparaiso in Circuit meetings throughout Synod, Mrs. Heidbrink and I were granted time to speak about the Guild and Guild work. Our problems, the problems connected especially with the program of expansion received an attentive and, I believe, a sympathetic hearing. We were assured of cooperation by a number of pastors and we feel that we are not being over-optimistic in our expectation that new chapters may be added in the near future, that this meeting indeed will have been an open door to new fields for chapter organizations.

We are very grateful for the willing cooperation of our nine field secretaries, who continue their efforts in the program of expansion. We are encouraged to look for open doors to greater service in the early plans of our State Unit officers for bigger and better State Unit meetings. Again we are indebted to the local chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild for the many hours of work expended in our behalf to make our convention here possible and pleasurable, and to the Crown Point chapter for the gracious hospitality in our social hour last evening. To the chairmen and members of our committees contributing to the

program of the Guild, we express our appreciation and gratitude.

We are deeply grateful to Dr. Kretzmann for his assistance. Dr. Kretzmann has been generous with his time in all our meetings and has been most helpful to the Administrative Committee when in consideration of particular problems he has been called upon for guidance and advice.

To bring to a close this report, in which I have tried to present the work of the Guild and its officers in its brightest light, I would add my personal confession of procrastination, of opportunities not grasped, of good intentions not realized. Professor John Strietelmeier in a chapel address, Man's Weakness and God's Supply, printed in the Guild Bulletin last June, quoted Robert Louis Stevenson's observation, "Life is not designed to minister unto man's vanity," and in the penultimate paragraph of his address says this, "What is important is that, having been freely justified by the grace of God, we cheerfully and faithfully do the work assigned us and gratefully acknowledge that the power, if any, is of God."

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door." We need but remember then that our God, who opens doors, who provides the opportunities, will be with us to bless our efforts as we labor in the field which is ours. The open door—our challenge. Are we ready, are we willing to meet it?

God grant it!



MRS. E. T. J. BIRNER meeting with national officers and the presidents of state units. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Birner, Mrs. W. Feuerpfeil, Miss Irma Lange, Mrs. Fred Firschau, Mrs. W. P. Holtz. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Wm. Steinfeldt, Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Mrs. Leonard Oehmke, Mrs. W. A. Drews, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink.



# Report of the Executive Secretary

MRS. C. R. HEIDBRINK

September 27, 1952

My dear Fellow-workers:

September marks the beginning of a new Guild year. Newly elected officers and re-elected officers have pledged themselves to carry out the responsibilities of their offices. For many members this will be the first year of activity. To you I extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes. It is my sincere hope that much joy and happiness will come from your membership. One cannot fully appreciate the good such an organization as the Guild can do until one becomes a member. When you are called upon to lend some service from which you and the University and the Church will benefit, you will realize that the principles and objectives of the Guild require vision, character, dedication to high ideals, and untiring effort on the part of each member. Our chapters are noted for undertaking big tasks. Projects and results may vary,—just as the chapters vary in their interests and abilities,—but some unknown force seems to fuse the results into a strong unit of power that makes the Guild a highly respected University organization. This is the time of the year, then, for us to pledge again our loyal cooperation; it is the time of the year, also, for us to seek new projects and new opportunities,—remembering again that personal contact and kindness to others in our every-day living and in our chapter routine is sometimes more appreciated than financial success. We must remember, too, that service to the Guild and to the University is a living, vital experience essential to the life of the Guild and the University.

I am speaking of the power of women—thousands of women—held together by a common bond of doing good to others. The coordinated efforts of the thousands of women in our church can stagger the imagination as it breaks down walls erected by years of indifference to the program of the University for the education of the young people in our church.

Suppose we pause for a moment to consider the innumerable examples of good done by the Guild for the University since the inception of the organization of the Guild. Big things, little things—but all good things! In all corners of the campus there are numerous illustrations of kindness and good deeds through the years. Have you ever thought how much less the University would have for its program without our concerted efforts to further culture, education,

and service? I am sure you will agree we have done fine work for the University and the Guild also during the past year. We have worked hard, and we have worked together. We have helped whenever and wherever we have been needed,—and we have enjoyed doing it.

Can you imagine what a million women throughout our church could do if they combined their efforts in doing service for the University and the Guild? Our biggest problem continues to be that of expansion—trying to interest the women of the church at large to include Valparaiso University and the Guild in their activities. We must continually be knocking at doors all over this great nation so that more women will hear the story of the Guild and its objectives. I appeal again to each and every member of the Guild to use her influence and to give of her time, so that many more organized chapters will be brought into the Guild. Additional members mean more financial aid for the current expenses of the University,—and additional chapters mean greater efforts in promoting the project adopted by the national Guild.

Our nine field secretaries have been working since the close of the convention in September of 1951. We pay homage and gratitude for their efforts on behalf of the Guild. At this time we can report the organization of two new chapters. The Catawba County chapter in North Carolina, which includes members from Conover, Newton and Hickory, N. C., was organized on April 1, 1952, with twenty-two members. Their work for the Guild began with the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1. On our visit to Conover, North Carolina, we found among our friends there a tremendous sympathetic interest in the University and its work, and it was with a rich degree of satisfaction that we were given their assurance to be of real help to the Guild. We have with us today the first president of the Catawba County Chapter, Mrs. George Gilbert of Newton, N. C. We welcome this new chapter into the Guild.

On August 26 a new Guild chapter was established in Warren, Ohio. When we became aware of a real interest and desire in that community to join hands with us in the Guild's program, we called upon Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, our parliamentarian and one of our former national presidents, to go to Warren, Ohio, to present the work of the Guild to the women in that community. As you know, at the present



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	Mrs. Carl Thrun
New York . . . . .	Mrs. Wm. Haeseler
Eastern Dist. . . . .	Mrs. Roy C. Frank

Each member of the Guild has a lot of friends who need the Guild, and whom the Guild needs. The connecting link will be yourself. Who was the connecting link that brought you into the Guild? Put that same feeling into the hearts of several of your friends by getting them as members. We need your friends so they may take advantage of the great opportunities that lie ahead of us,—to help open up wider the door of service. Our tomorrows are beckoning us with golden fingers. We must dare big things, and thirst for that which is fine. We must light our lamps, and through the open door go on the quest for an ever greater, finer, and bigger Guild organization. It is our hope that the Lord of the Church will continue to send us women who, by the grace of God, have found a creed for their souls and a fire for their hearts which will give them the power to surrender their lives on altars greater

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Northern Ind. . . Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew



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than men can build. As we have acknowledged so many times in the past,—we know that because someone else lived sacrificially, we live on the fruit of their labors. We must always remember that what we have and what we enjoy came to us out of the blood and sweat and tears of those who came ahead of us.

One of the most important things in proper college training is that it enables a man or woman to examine evidence critically and to arrive at correct conclusions; to have the opportunity to become adequately trained for some useful vocation,—and, as enlightened citizens, to participate in the councils of the nation. In addition, here at Valpo we will not let them forget God. Through the Word, spoken each morning at chapel in this auditorium, through the little chapels in the dormitories, through vespers in the residence halls each evening, the men and women on our campus are held close to God and their Savior. This is the reason we can look confidently toward tomorrow. That is the Open Door.

The Guild has the joy of knowing that the reality of a prayer chapel on the new campus is one of its goals in the years that lie ahead. Here all who enter to worship—especially when day is done—will sense His presence, more sacred and serene than sunset on quiet hills and still waters. When the day has slipped behind them with its joys and sorrows, its laughter and tears, its victories and defeats, our young people will pause here in the vesper twilight to commune with their Lord,—asking Him to breathe over their souls the benediction of His peace and to speak to them the assurance of His forgiveness. And to those whose cheeks are flushed with victory, who have sown well and reaped abundantly, He will give His grace to carry a full cup humbly. They will know that within the sanctuary of their heavenly Father's heart there is ever a shelter for all baffled minds and burdened hearts, and from Him they will seek counsel and the consolation of His understanding love. They will reach past the things they cannot understand to catch the hand of God who understands them. In the midst of the campus tumult and turmoil they would be still and know that He is God. And He will give them the quiet certainty that over all their ways broods His wisdom and love, and that behind all darkness there is the radiance of His glory. And unto Him, with whom there are no setting suns or ebbing tides, they will commit their ways.—This has been another door kept wide open because of your love for the souls of young men and young women. I should like to call it the Open Door of Mercy. Through your memorial wreaths you have contributed more than \$1,900.00 to our chapel fund this year. For this you have our

deepest gratitude. These golden dreams will not be denied. You have been loyal to your heavenly visions and faithful to your highest trusts.

The card on which you indicate your memorial wreath contributions may need to be explained briefly. As you know, it is a three fold card. The first two pages (or the double fold) should be properly inscribed by you, and only those two pages should be sent to the family of the loved one. The third page should be torn off at the perforated fold, and this single page is given to your local chapter treasurer. This third fold gives the amount of your contribution. After the chapter treasurer has made the necessary notations in her records, she sends the contribution to our national treasurer together with the name to be memorialized and the name of the chapter, so that the chapter gets credit. If you desire, the local chapter treasurer will then return this third fold to you,—but this is not necessary. You may let her know what your wishes are in the matter.

Many of you have sent your chapter program booklets to my office, and I wish to commend you for the excellent manner in which many of them are prepared. I am sure that the programs planned for the entire year will be of great benefit to the members of your chapter.

The "Guild Special" for 1952 was again given to the recreation room in Guild Hall, and consists of a number of pieces of furniture of the same make and design as that given last year for the recreation room in Guild Hall. You will remember that that furniture is made by the Heywood-Wakefield Co., built of solid, sturdy wood frames of Ashcraft. The furniture purchased during the past two years for this recreation room, together with the radio-phonograph, gives the girls in Guild Hall a well-furnished, comfortable and attractive room for recreation.

While you are on campus many of you will no doubt visit the beautiful little chapel in Guild Hall. You will notice the addition of some fine pieces of brass for the altar. The brass candlesticks are a memorial to Miss Margaret Averill of the Milwaukee Evening chapter. The cross and the missal stand were presented to the University by the Central District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at its recent convention held on the Valparaiso campus. In this tangible way they said "Thank you" for letting them come to our campus for their convention.

State Unit meetings were held last fall in Minneapolis, Minn.; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Chicago, Ill.; Lancaster, Ohio; LaPorte, Indiana. In each instance the programs for the business sessions and for the social periods were excel-



lent. I felt that the gracious hospitality extended and the friendly atmosphere that prevailed,—coupled with the valuable service rendered the University at these meetings,—emphasized again the importance of the State Units. Your continued interest in and support of this part of our work will provide a definite stewardship of and responsibility for the purposes and objectives of the Guild.

State Unit meetings for the fall of 1952 have again been arranged by the officers of the various State Units. I shall ask the State Unit presidents to give the dates and places of their respective meetings:

Illinois-Missouri—Mrs. W. P. Holtz (Aurora, Oct. 18).

Wisconsin—Mrs. W. Feuerpfel (Wausau, Oct. 14).

Indiana—Miss Irma Lange (Gary, Oct. 18).

Ohio—Mrs. E. S. Snyder (Van Wert, Oct. 22).

Michigan—Mrs. Fred Firchau (Sebewaing, Oct. 28).

I would suggest you urge the members of your chapters, especially those who cannot get to the national convention, to attend the State meetings. There are some excellent programs planned, and attendance by many members will bring rich rewards to your respective chapters. I also have a suggestion for those chapters acting as hostesses to the State Unit meetings. There are no doubt many women in your local congregation or congregations who are not members of the Guild. Please invite them es-

pecially to attend the State Unit meeting being held in your midst. It is not only a courtesy to all women of the congregation, but it may also be the means of creating an ever greater interest in the work of the University and the Guild.

Our supply of Guild pins,—ordered about two years ago—was exhausted, and it was necessary to order another supply. To our consternation we found that the cost of these pins had advanced so much since two years ago that it is necessary to charge \$6.50 for the pin and guard. This is absolutely cost price, including of course the ever-present tax. I am mentioning this in my report at this time because many of you order one of these pins for the purpose of presenting it as a gift to your retiring chapter president.

Many of you have done outstanding work in bringing to the attention of high school seniors the program of the University and all it offers our students. Many of you are directly or indirectly responsible for helping to swell the number of freshmen who came to our campus this fall. It is one of the finest classes to enter the University. You have opened wide the door which the Lord of the Church has brought to your attention. We are deeply grateful to you for your record of contributing to the manhood and womanhood of these young men and young women. You have opened for them the door of power, helping them to be loyal to their heavenly visions in addition to



MRS. E. W. SCHULTZ of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, first national president of the Guild, talking with President Kretzmann after she had presented three Bibles (seen on table) to the University as a gift from the past presidents of the Guild.



learning discipline, responsibility, and the will to work.

I would suggest that in your community you open the door of publicity for the program of the University and the Guild. Through personal contact try to establish friendly relations with the woman's editor of your paper. Plan your publicity early for every project, and then follow up with a story after the project has been presented. Every bit of publicity you can give to the work of the Guild and the University will make the University better known in your community and will make it more important in the eyes of those who have not known about Valparaiso University.

For the record I should like to state that the usual convention FLASH was not published this year because it meant the saving of considerable amount of money. There was ample room in the June issue of the Guild Bulletin to print the reservation blank for the convention,—to which was attached a footnote to the effect that the FLASH would not be sent out this year. So that no one would be without a reservation blank, I sent an extra supply of the June issue of the Bulletin to each president, enclosing also a tentative agenda for the meetings of the convention, as well as a letter to each president concerning the convention. I asked the presidents to share this information with their Guild members at the first meeting of the new fiscal year.

Since we last met in convention a copy of the revised By-laws of the Guild has been mailed to each member of the Guild. I hope that all of you have read these By-Laws so that you are familiar with the rules and regulations covering the activities of the Guild.

At this national convention it is fitting and proper that we dedicate ourselves anew—all that we have and all that we are—to the service of the University and the Guild, and to the service of Christ. Let us bring our failures and our successes to the altar of the God who understands. Let us not think of God leading us only when we are on the heights. He is with us in the valley just as well. In His mysterious way He makes us ready by our steadfastness and devotion to take our part in the subsequent building of His kingdom here on earth. He looks down from the balconies of Heaven and finds women like you who think more of others than of themselves—who will serve a great cause because they believe in its eternal values. He has placed before us this open door of service. He alone can give the vision, the dream, the hope, the courage, the faith we need to carry on the work of the Guild. He will give us the power to see life and work as a quest



**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS, left to right: Mrs. M. W. Roggeman, Mrs. R. C. Wangerin, Mrs. Henry Moellering.**

rather than an achievement. It is true,—there is work that is often hard and monotonous; there are sometimes tasks that are drab and drear. Efficiency calls for organization, and organization crystalizes into routine, and routine is apt to rub the romance off any enterprise with peculiar rapidity. But ask anyone to whom the years have brought wisdom and understanding,—and he will tell you that men come to honor and peace not for the victories they have won, but by the battles they have fought. All great things in the world have been done by men and women who lived for an end beyond life, and the greatest things in the world have been done by men and women who live for God. By God's providence we are still on our journey to the quiet of eternity, where we hope to arrive in due time, and where we shall have the joy of knowing that we have tried to build bravely and courageously for those who will come after us so that they might remain loyal to their heavenly vision.

And so I hope you will return to your various chapters with renewed spirit and inspiration, keeping your feet on the ground and at the same time having your eyes fixed on the pilot star. May we always be aware of the Open Door that has been placed before us, and continue to serve the cause which lies so close to our hearts with consecrated energy and with grateful hearts for the opportunity of service as God gives us the strength and wisdom. And may we always trust the hand of God—holding us—although we cannot see it—and rely on the leading-strings of His divine providence. In this spirit may we continue to build with the Guild.

So Heidbrink  
Executive Secretary



# Minutes . . .

OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION  
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1952

The twenty-first annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was opened with a devotional service in the University Auditorium, on Saturday, September 27, 1952, at 9:00 A.M.

After the singing of the hymn, "Jesus, Brightness of the Father," Professor Adolph T. Haentzchel, Ph.D., head of the Department of Philosophy, Valparaiso University, based his address on Corinthians 1, Chapter 15, V.58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord, and Galatians 6, V.9. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

The speaker called attention to the fact that both texts are to be found near the end of Paul's Epistles. It seems that Paul again wants to remind God's people to do the will of the Lord.

First love and enthusiasm to serve the Lord are likely to fade out, and we are inclined to let down in our efforts. We, too, must be roused to new zeal and devotion; we must be reminded that we are engaged in the work of God's Kingdom, namely; the salvation of immortal souls.

We need not worry about the success of our labors, for they are in God's hands. Success is not measured by any outward show, but by the souls brought to the arms of Christ.

Dr. Haentzschel stated that God is abundantly blessing our labors at the University. We cannot see all the fruits of our labors, and often we must walk in faith and not by sight. Only Eternity will make everything clear. There among that blessed throng we shall glory in the work God has wrought through our hands.

Dr. Haentzschel closed his address by imploring God to give to the members of the Guild a full measure of courage and devotion.

An Anthem by the Chapel Choir, directed by Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel, added to the beauty and solemnity of the devotional period.

The Convention business session was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, National Guild President.

Mrs. Birner welcomed the assembly, and asked the Lord to bless and Guide our deliberations.

There was no objection to dispense with the

reading of the minutes of the twentieth annual convention since they had been published in the November issue of the Guild Bulletin.

The secretary's report on the Executive Board meeting in Recital Hall on Friday (Sept. 26), was approved.

Mrs. William A. Drews, first vice-president took the chair while Mrs. Birner, president, gave her annual report.

Mrs. Birner began her report with the words of the theme chosen for the twenty-first annual convention, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." Viewing the open door as a symbol of opportunity, the opportunity for growth and service, we unhesitatingly appropriate the words "I have set before thee an open door" as a fitting theme for this convention. Our president then reviewed briefly her activities during the past year. She commended chapter presidents, field secretaries, and state unit presidents and all faithful members of the Guild for their ready response to the needs of the University. Mrs. Birner closed her report by reminding us that our God, who opens doors and provides the opportunities, will be with us to bless our efforts as we labor in the field which is ours.

The following resolution as presented by Mrs. W. C. Wangerin, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, was adopted:

**Whereas** the annual report of the National Guild President contains much information of interest and inspiration to the membership at large; Therefore be it

**Resolved**, That the report of the President be printed in the next issue of the Guild Bulletin.

Committees which served during the past year are the following:

#### Activities:

Mrs. Albert Moeller, Chairman

Mrs. R. Peck

Mrs. G. O. Johnson

#### Nominations:

Mrs. Carl Krekeler, Chairman

Miss Louise Nicolay

Mrs. Charles St. Clair

Mrs. Walter Kraus

Mrs. Harvey Redemann

#### Resolutions:

Mrs. R. C. Wangerin, Chairman

Mrs. Henry Moellering



Mrs. M. W. Roggeman

Revisions:

Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Chairman

Mrs. Louis Heinecke

Mrs. W. W. Walker

Project:

Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, Chairman

Mrs. W. P. Holtz

Mrs. Edward Stegman

Parliamentarian:

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe

Historian:

Miss Louise F. Nicolay

Reporter for the 1952 Convention:

Mrs. E. A. Ritchie

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate:

For the office of President:

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner

For the office of First Vice-President:

Mrs. William A. Drews

Mrs. Fred Firchau

For the office of Second Vice-President:

Mrs. Leonard Oehmke

Mrs. R. C. Frank

For the office of Secretary:

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew

Miss Ellen Havekotte

For the office of Treasurer:

Mrs. William Steinfeldt

Miss Hilda Bollmann

There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion to accept the slate as presented by the nominating committee was made and seconded. Carried.

Mrs. William Steinfeldt, treasurer, submitted the following report.

Total balances on hand

July 8, 1951 .....\$ 1,282.35

Total Receipts ..... 42,326.40

Total .....\$43,608.75

Total Disbursements .....\$43,064.23

Balance on hand July 1, 1952 \$ 544.52

Mrs. Wangerin presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, we have heard the excellent report of our National Treasurer; and  
WHEREAS we realize that the success is due to the gratifying work of each local chapter and to each individual member of these chapters; Therefore be it  
RESOLVED, To extend our deepest appreciation to all.

A letter of audit from Mr. Wilmar F. Bernthal certified the accounts of the Treasurer, and his report was accepted.

Mrs. Steinfeldt next submitted the proposed budget for 1952-53.



MRS. C. R. HEIDBRINK and Mrs. M. F. Borgelt, toastmistress, checking last minute details for the convention banquet.

Bulletin .....	\$1,200.00
Printing .....	100.00
Travel—Organizational .....	1,500.00
Travel—Chapter .....	2,000.00
Telephone .....	25.00
Treasurer's Bond .....	12.50
Postage .....	25.00
Gifts .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	100.00
Total .....	\$5,062.50

Mrs. Henry Moellering presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS a budget based on past expenditures and allowing for additional expenditures has been submitted; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the proposed budget for 1952-53 in the amount of \$5,062.50 be accepted.

The next order of business called for the report of our National Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink.

Mrs. Heidbrink extended heartiest congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected of-



ficers throughout the Guild. Our chapters, continued the speaker, are noted for undertaking big tasks. Projects and results may vary, but some unknown force seems to fuse the results into a strong unit of power that makes the Guild a highly respected University organization.

Mrs. Heidbrink appealed again to each and every member of the Guild to use her influence so that many more women will hear the story of the Guild and its objectives, and many more chapters be organized.

Mrs. George Gilbert of Newton, N.C., president of the newly organized Catawba County Chapter was introduced. The Catawba County Chapter includes members from Conover, Newton and Hickory, N. C. It was organized April 1, 1952, with twenty-two members.

On August 26 a new Guild Chapter was established in Warren, Ohio. Mrs. Carleton Fix, temporary chairman of that Chapter, and the vice-president, Mrs. Farley, were introduced.

Mrs. Heidbrink then moved that the National Guild accept into membership the following Chapters: Catawba County, North Carolina, and Warren, Ohio. The motion was seconded. Carried.

The nine field secretaries were introduced. The State Unit presidents were asked to an-

nounce the time and place of the State Unit meetings.

In her closing remarks Mrs. Heidbrink urged that "we dedicate ourselves anew—all that we have and all that we are—to the service of the University and the Guild, and to the service of Christ. Let us bring our failures and our successes to the altar of God who understands. Let us not think of God leading us only when we are on the heights. He is with us in the valley just as well. By God's providence we are still on our journey to the quiet of eternity, where we hope to arrive in due time, and where we shall have the joy of knowing that we have tried to build bravely and courageously for those who will come after us, so that they might remain loyal to their heavenly vision."

The following resolution presented by Mrs. Moellering was adopted:

WHEREAS our Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, has again so capably, zealously and graciously assisted with the affairs of the Guild during the past year; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to her our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, chairman of the Activities Committee, mentioned several new plays and other intriguing program materials in her report, which are available to anyone



**NATIONAL OFFICERS** conducting a short business meeting while having breakfast on Sunday morning at Altruria.



looking for new program material. She urged that the Activities Committee be placed on the Chapters' mailing lists and that new and interesting program material be sent to them in addition to the Chapters' Calendars.

Mrs. W. W. Walker reported for the Revisions Committee in the absence of Mrs. A. O. Kampe, chairman.

Mrs. Walker stated that the revised By-laws of the Guild, which had been mailed to all Guild members since we met in convention last year, had proven very adequate and for that reason the Revisions Committee had no report at this time.

Mrs. Birner thanked Mrs. Moeller and Mrs. Walker for reporting on their respective committee activities.

Miss Louise Nicolay, Guild Historian, reported that she had added to the Guild's History the activities of the past year. She announced that the Guild Bulletins of the past years are to be bound into two or three volumes for a permanent historical record.

Mrs. Birner expressed her thanks to Miss Nicolay and commended her achievements as Guild Historian.

Mrs. M. W. Roggemann presented the following resolutions which were adopted.

WHEREAS the Guild acknowledges the progress made under the capable leadership of its officers, Field Secretaries and Presidents of State Units; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Guild gratefully acknowledge their untiring efforts and extend to all a sincere vote of thanks.

WHEREAS The Lutheran University Association and the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso University Association have given their support to the Guild's program and have underwritten the office of the Executive Secretary again for the past year; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our grateful thanks be extended to them.

Our president now asked for the report of the Project Committee.

Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, chairman of the Project Committee, gave the following report: Madam President—Members of the Guild:

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner and my co-workers on the Project Committee—Mrs. William Holtz and Mrs. E. F. Stegman—have suggested that it might be helpful to refresh your memory as to the procedures followed in the selection of a Guild project. I assured them that I am convinced that every member of the Valparaiso University Guild has made a careful study of the new edition of the By-Laws. But in case the details are not clear or fresh in your minds, I want to call your attention to Section 3, Ar-

ticle IV, of the National By-Laws. Here we read:

**PROJECT FUND:** All gifts and funds raised by the chapters through activities shall be used for Special Projects determined by the Guild at its convention. Expenses for operating the Guild shall be paid from this fund.

This section tells us that all Guild funds other than dues must be used for a special project or for special projects.

In Section 4, Article X, we learn how special projects are selected.

The Project Committee consisting of three members shall meet with the president of the University and the president of the Guild, ex-officio, previous to the convention. This committee shall propose to the Executive Board one or more projects to be undertaken by the Guild. These projects shall be in conformity with the purpose of the Guild. Final approval of the project or projects shall be made by the Guild at its convention.

Five years ago, in the summer of 1947, the Guild undertook as its most ambitious project to date the task of gathering funds for a Prayer Chapel on the campus of Valparaiso University. We set our goal at \$100,000. This sum was to be raised within a three-year period. As you know, we did not quite reach our goal within the specified period. Consequently, we had to carry over into 1951. In February of 1951 we did complete the \$100,000 Prayer Chapel Fund.

The remainder of the project fund for the fiscal year 1950-51 and all project funds for 1951-52 were used by the University for much needed repairs and improvements on the campus.

Now the Guild is ready to consider a new project.

On September 25, 1952 the Project Committee met with the President of the Guild, the Executive Secretary, and Dr. O. P. Kretzmann. Naturally, our first and burning questions to Dr. Kretzmann were: Are we any nearer to the realization of our hopes for the Prayer Chapel? Can we set even a tentative date when the actual erection of a Prayer Chapel will begin?

We know that construction of the Prayer Chapel is contingent upon the building of the large church which one day will stand on the highest point on the new East Campus. This church will be consecrated to the service of the ever living God and will stand through the years as eloquent testimony to the fact that Valparaiso University is dedicated to the cause of Christian education.



In 1947 we dared hope that the construction of both church and chapel could be started well within the three-year period set aside by the Guild for the gathering of funds for the Prayer Chapel. We need offer neither excuses nor explanations for the fact that this was not done. We know only too well that we live in troubled and uncertain times—times in which circumstances entirely beyond our control often conspire to prevent the carrying-out of carefully laid plans.

Although, in our talk with Dr. Kretzmann, we soon realized that another delay was unavoidable and that it will be at least two years before we can begin to make plans for the erection of the Guild Prayer Chapel, we found that, on the whole, the over-all picture is brighter than ever before.

Many of you, I am sure, were pleased and heartened by the action taken by the Central District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in its convention held on this campus last month. At that time the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, we recognize the mission potentialities on the campuses of all universities, and

WHEREAS, our Lutheran University stands high in the service of missions among the students who enroll at Valparaiso University, and

WHEREAS, there is a great need for a house of worship which will adequately serve all students on the campus of Valparaiso University, and

WHEREAS, other districts as well as our own have made grants for similar purposes in their respective areas, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the opportunities especially on the campus of our One and Only Lutheran University at Valparaiso, Indiana, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we memorialize the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League at its 1953 convention to make a substantial grant toward the erection of a chapel on the campus of Valparaiso University, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare the official resolution to be presented to the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

I know that I speak for every member of



GUESTS BEING SERVED at breakfast in Altruria. Mrs. Herman Grunau pouring.



the Guild when I express to the Central District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League my own gratitude for the thoughtfulness which prompted this action. As individuals and as Guild members we hold in high esteem a sister organization devoted to the great cause of mission endeavors. We applaud the vision and the understanding which leads the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to recognize that Valparaiso University—as well as many campuses throughout our land—offers a fertile field for mission work.

Dr. Kretzmann pointed out to us the possibility that help in obtaining funds for the building of a University Church may be forthcoming from another source. Therefore, in spite of setbacks and disappointments, hopes for the future begin to take on a brighter aspect.

I know that you will be interested to learn just where our Chapel Fund stands at this time. As of September 25, 1952, we have a grand total of \$104,195.17. Of this sum \$89,000 is invested, largely in government bonds. Interest earned to date amounts to \$2,366.44. I must point out that the rate of interest has increased substantially during the past two years. This rise will continue.

I hope that this brief survey has given you a better understanding of our Prayer Chapel Project. Even though the realization of our plans has been delayed, we have the comforting knowledge that this large sum of money, wisely invested is available. Furthermore, this fund is **growing**. As you know, all memorials—not only those designated for the Guild, but those designated for Valparaiso University as well—flow directly into the Prayer Chapel Fund. We can better understand the importance of the memorials when we realize that monies received in this way amount to almost \$2,000 for the fiscal year 1951-52.

We are ready now to go back to our meeting in Dr. Kretzmann's office on Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Kretzmann gave us a clear and concise picture, not only of the immediate urgent needs of the University but of long-range plans for the future as well.

The president of Valparaiso University told us that at the present time there is a most pressing need for adequate and desirable housing for men students. He informed us that negotiations are now underway with the U. S. Government to obtain a grant in funds to be used for the erection of a men's dormitory. Under the terms of this contract—or agreement—if and when consummated, the Government will make available to Valparaiso University the sum of \$500,000 in the form of a loan to be amortized over a period of 40 years.

Estimates obtained by the Board of Directors

of Valparaiso University indicate that a dormitory with living-space for 200 men students can be erected for \$625,000. The University will be required to provide the \$125,000 over and above the Government grant.

At the present time negotiations are well under way and are, in fact, making satisfactory progress. So far all Government responses to the applications for funds have been favorable. Consequently, barring unexpected complication or delays, there is reason to hope that the construction of a new dormitory for men may be begun next spring. If all goes well, the new building should be ready for occupancy early in 1954.

It is of the utmost importance, however, to emphasize the fact that Government transactions usually move slowly, that any transactions may become enmeshed in seemingly endless miles of red tape, and that, for one reason or another, sometimes even the most promising plans collapse entirely and fail to materialize. Naturally, we earnestly hope that our cherished plans for a much-needed men's dormitory can be carried out. But we must understand that there is at least a possibility of disappointment.

The estimated cost of \$625,000 does not include either furnishing or equipment for the new building. For this reason, Dr. Kretzmann has asked whether the Guild might wish to consider as its new project the underwriting of the purchase of furniture and equipment for the proposed men's dormitory. The cost would be approximately \$100,000.

Dr. Kretzmann also called our attention to the fact that construction of the new Student Union will get underway in the summer of 1953 and that here, too, the Guild could find many worthwhile uses for its project funds.

After a careful study of the suggestions made by Dr. Kretzmann, the Project Committee has unanimously agreed that the proposal to ask the Guild to furnish and equip the men's dormitory merits our earnest consideration and wholehearted support.

Therefore, the Project Committee presents to the Executive Board and to the Convention the following proposal:

That the Guild adopt as its project for the next three years the purchase of furniture and equipment for the proposed new men's dormitory at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

Our records show that this sum lies well within the capabilities of the Guild.

The Project Committee feels, however, that it is wise to have ready a substitute proposal in case Government negotiations break down and it becomes impossible to carry out plans for the new men's dormitory.



Therefore the Project Committee presents for your consideration the suggestion that all project funds for the fiscal year 1952-53 be used to purchase equipment for the new Student Union Building. But this substitute proposal is to go into effect only when and if Dr. Kretzmann and the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University have become convinced that all hope for a Government grant must be abandoned and that the building of a dormitory for men must be postponed indefinitely.

Anne L. Hansen, Chairman  
Project Committee

Mrs. Birner thanked Mrs. Hansen for her complete and excellent report. The president stated that action would be delayed until the afternoon session in order to give everyone the opportunity for further discussion and serious thought.

The chairman appointed the following tellers:

Mrs. William Buege  
Mrs. W. W. Walker  
Mrs. Russel Hawley

Ballots were distributed and we proceeded with the election.

Dr. Kretzmann then invited discussion on the proposed new project. Numerous questions were asked and Dr. Kretzmann supplied the information.

Mrs. Birner introduced Mrs. Margaretta Tangerman, Dean of Women, Valparaiso University.

Mrs. Tangerman said that she would limit her address to three points. First, the speaker welcomed the opportunity to express her appreciation to the Guild for the part played in bringing to the campus of Valparaiso University the largest freshman class in recent years. She stressed the fact that no one needs an education more than a wife and mother. Secondly, the speaker touched on homesickness.

She explained that during the first few weeks there is a considerable amount of homesickness. Mrs. Tangerman suggested that parents do not write the students telling them how much they are missed at home, but rather how glad they are that they are enrolled at Valparaiso University. Writing about illness in the



SERVING TEA during fellowship hour in Kroencke Hall.



home, too, is depressing and causes needless worry. Thirdly, Mrs. Tangerman explained the purpose of Tag Day on the campus. It is from funds collected through the sale of tags that the Youth Council provides recreational facilities for the under-privileged children in the hill area of Valparaiso. These children who have been juvenile delinquents have been given an opportunity to enjoy wholesome recreation and there has been a steady decline in delinquency. Provision is also made for these children to attend Sunday School on the campus. Dean Tangerman stated that Valparaiso University is the only University in the United States sponsoring such a project on its campus, because we are a Christian school and a Christian atmosphere prevails on the campus.

The president thanked Mrs. Tangerman for her interesting and informative talk.

Mrs. Wangerin presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS Margaretta Sackville Tangerman, Dean of Women, has so capably and efficiently assumed her responsibilities and has with extraordinary accomplishments fulfilled her office; Therefore be it RESOLVED, That we extend to her our gratitude and best wishes for God's blessing and continued success.

Following announcements by Mrs. Heidbrink a motion was made and seconded to recess. Carried. The President declared the meeting recessed at 12:30 P.M., to be reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

The reconvened meeting was called to order by the president at 2:00 P.M.

Mrs. Leonard Oehmke, second vice-president, introduced Miss Eunice Kretzmann, a student at Valparaiso University, who spoke to us on India. Miss Kretzmann was born in India. Her parents are serving as missionaries there, and she, too, calls India her home.

The speaker described the geographical aspects of India and also the language, customs, and religion of its people.

The temple, housing the village God, is in charge of the village priest. There is no congregational worship, only on special festival days do large crowds assemble. It is then that the heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone.

The missionaries are dedicated to reach these benighted souls. Although there are little white churches where the congregation assembles to worship, the missionaries go to the homes and places of business of the natives to tell them the story of Jesus.

The president thanked Miss Kretzmann for her interesting and informative talk.

Roll call revealed that five past presidents, all national officers, three chairmen of com-

mittees, five field secretaries, five state-unit presidents, the parliamentarian, the historian, and two-hundred nineteen Guild members including the chapter presidents were in attendance.

Mrs. Wangerin presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS the Central District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has recognized mission potentialities on the campus of Valparaiso University; and WHEREAS they have recognized the need for a house of worship which will adequately serve all students on the campus of Valparaiso University; and WHEREAS they propose to authorize the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to prepare an official resolution to be presented to the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League bi-annual Convention; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National University Guild commend the action and consideration of the Central District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and express its sincere gratitude to this organization.

Mrs. Birner introduced the next speaker on our program, Professor L. Albert Wehling, J.D., head of the Department of Government, Valparaiso University.

The speaker related several incidents to prove that a mother exerts a tremendous influence on her children in their habits pertaining to health, such as proper eating habits and also their attitude toward religion. Even when these children become adults and are away from home, the early training is still a guide to living.

A woman's voice can become very powerful in the affairs of government, too, by training and encouraging the family in the proper attitude toward civic duties.

Just to vote on election day, just to be voting, is not enough. The candidates' personalities should be studied as well as the issues involved. The speaker favored women seeking public office, and taking an active part in the affairs of government.

Mrs. Wangerin presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS Professor L. Albert Wehling, J.D., has presented an enlightening address on "A Woman's Voice in Government;" Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this discourse should be an encouragement to all women to perform and practice their civic duties and rights; and be it

RESOLVED further, That we express our sincere thanks and gratitude to him.



WHEREAS we are rapidly approaching the election of the President of the United States and other candidates for governmental offices; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we as Christians ask divine guidance in exercising our duties as citizens in this election; and be it

RESOLVED further, That we ask our Heavenly Father to bestow His blessings upon our country and its candidates.

The chairman now presented Mr. E. H. Ruprecht, in charge of student procurement at Valparaiso University.

It was evident that Mr. Ruprecht was very happy to announce that 615 freshmen had enrolled at Valparaiso University. He expressed his appreciation to the Guild for the work they had done in calling attention to Valparaiso University through various activities within the chapter and by individual contacts.

Last year 538 names of students had been sent in. These were followed up by sending out informative literature, and whenever possible by a personal call.

1952, said the speaker, is a low point in the

number of graduates from the high schools. There will be a gradual rise between the years 1954 and 1957.

Too many of our Lutheran students are attending other colleges. The University is set up to serve 2,000 students. It costs just as much money to serve 1600 students as it does 2,000 students. An increase of 400 in the enrollment would improve the financial situation immensely. Mr. Ruprecht urged that the Guild exert every effort to bring in the extra 400 next year.

Following Mr. Ruprecht's address Mrs. Moelering presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS Mr. E. H. Ruprecht, Director of Student Enrollment, has through his untiring efforts achieved remarkable results by procuring the enrollment of 615 freshmen, the largest freshman class in recent years; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to him our appreciation as well as our thanks.

WHEREAS on August 11, 1952, the Lord blessed Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann with



MRS. PAUL BLOCK of Merrill, Wisconsin, heads this table of guests at the convention banquet.



a son and a future student, Stephen Paul; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to the parents our heartiest congratulations, and to Stephen Paul our sincere good wishes and the Lord's richest blessings.

Mrs. William Drews, first vice-president presented the Guild Special.

Since the additional new pieces of furniture which had been placed in the recreational room of Guild Hall seemed to be in use and were really much too heavy to be brought to the University auditorium, Mrs. Drews listed the additional pieces of furniture which had been purchased as our Guild Special for 1951-52 on a scroll, which she then presented to Dr. Kretzmann. Dr. Kretzmann accepted the gift on behalf of the "Guild Girls," adding that this gift from the Guild, like other gifts in the past, is a fine addition to gracious living on the campus.

Dr. Kretzmann took this opportunity to thank the Guild for the resolution adopted concerning Stephen Paul.

Mrs. E. W. Schultz, first national president of the Guild from 1931-1933, presented three beautiful Bibles to Dr. Kretzmann as a gift from past presidents of the Guild. The Bibles were inscribed with the names of the three girls' dormitories, Guild, Memorial, and Altruria; and are to be placed on the altars in their respective chapels.

Dr. Kretzmann accepted the gift on behalf of the University and thanked the donors for their fitting gift.

Mrs. Roggeman presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS the past presidents have devoted much time and individual talents during their years of service and have with divine guidance so conscientiously and zealously served their respective terms, and

WHEREAS these past presidents have presented three beautiful Bibles to Valparaiso University to be used in the chapels of the residence halls; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere gratitude for all their accomplishments throughout their years of service; and be it RESOLVED further, That the members of the Guild acknowledge this generous gift with a rising vote of thanks.

Dr. Kretzmann began his Report on the University by asking the question, "What makes an institution great and good, and where does one get a concept of a University?"

Supplying the answer to the question, the speaker said that the kind of people who are there and the kind of people who staff a university determine its greatness. Dr. Kretzmann

said, "We should be very proud of these people at Valparaiso University." He warned against allowing boys and girls to become confused by "big name" or "glamour schools." "It ought to be clear in our minds that the ultimate test is: Who are the people who are running it?"

Continuing his report, the speaker stated that there had been important developments since last year. The University has taken over the academic training in the Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and has combined forces with the Norman Beatty Memorial Hospital, near Westville, Indiana, in setting up courses on the Junior College level.

The Engineering Department is steadily getting better, and the Department of Elementary Education has proven to be a very important development. The health service on the campus has been greatly improved through the services of Dr. Henry G. Poncher, who is well-known and a famous diagnostician.

To date there are 1,642 students enrolled on the campus of Valparaiso University.

Dr. Kretzmann stated that the University can train a student for the first two years in any field he might choose. These first two years are tremendously important in the emotional life of a student.

Mrs. Wangerin presented the following resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS President O. P. Kretzmann has again contributed so much to the spiritual atmosphere of our Convention through his timely counsel by word and sentiment; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we express our sincere thanks and gratitude to him.

Mrs. Walter Hansen again presented the proposal of the Project Committee. It was moved and seconded that we accept the proposal of the Project Committee. Carried.

Mrs. Hansen then presented the following substitute proposal in case Government negotiations break down, and it becomes impossible to carry out plans for the new men's dormitory: "Therefore the Project Committee presents for your consideration the suggestions that all project funds for the fiscal year 1952-53 be used to purchase equipment for the new Student Union building. This substitute proposal shall go into effect only when Dr. Kretzmann and the Board of Directors of Valparaiso University become convinced that all hope for a government grant must be abandoned."

Dr. Kretzmann at this time explained that the students decided to tax themselves thirty dollars per year to finance the Student Union building. The Student Council fee has been raised from fifteen to forty-five dollars per year. This fee is paid at the time of registration, thus guarantees an approximate in-



come of forty-five thousand dollars per year. The Student Union building will be the center of all social activity.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the substitute proposal of the Project Committee. Carried.

Mrs. Moellering presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS the student body through its initiative and courageous action has embarked upon a venture of financing a Student Union; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we recognize this commendable action and extend our very best wishes for a speedy and successful realization of their hopes and ambitions.

WHEREAS the Project Committee has presented to the members of the Valparaiso University Guild the following proposal: That the Guild adopt as its project for the next three years the purchase of furniture and equipment for the proposed new men's dormitory at a cost of approximately \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars); Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Guild adopt as its project for the next three years the purchase of furniture and equipment for the proposed new men's dormitory at a cost

of approximately \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars); and be it

RESOLVED further, That we urge our Chapters and individual members to give their whole hearted support to this project.

WHEREAS the Project Committee has presented a substitute proposal in case Government negotiations break down and it becomes impossible to carry out plans for the new men's dormitory; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all project funds for the fiscal year 1952-53 be used to purchase equipment for the new Student Union building in the event that the plans of the Lutheran University Association for a new men's dormitory do not materialize.

The tellers reported the following election results:

President ..... Mrs. E. T. J. Birner  
First Vice-President .... Mrs. William Drews  
Second Vice-President .... Mrs. R. C. Frank  
Secretary ..... Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew  
Treasurer ..... Mrs. William Steinfeldt

Mrs. Birner expressed her sincere thanks to Mrs. Leonard Oehmke, retiring second vice-president, for her faithful performance of duties during her term of office.



STUDENTS from the department of physical education waiting to serve the convention banquet.



Mrs. Wangerin presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS Mrs. Leonard Oehmke has graciously, untiringly and most capably fulfilled the duties of her office as second vice-president of the National Guild for the past year; Therefore be it  
RESOLVED, That we extend to her our sincere appreciation for her faithful service by a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Moellering presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS five dollars per year from each chapter is designated for the Guild Special; Therefore be it  
RESOLVED, That the Guild Special for 1952-53 be used to procure an academic gown for the President of the University, if possible the motif to be composed of the school colors; and be it  
RESOLVED further, That china for serving tea be acquired for each woman's residence.

Mrs. Wangerin presented the following resolution of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the convention:

WHEREAS this annual convention has been a source of inspiration and stimulation to all who attended; and  
WHEREAS much careful planning and effort was required; Therefore be it  
RESOLVED, That our sincerest thanks be extended to the following who have contributed to a large extent in making this 1952 annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild a great and blessed success:

Convention committees of the Valparaiso chapter; Crown Point chapter; Dr. Adolph Haentzschel; Dr. Bichsel and the Chapel Choir; Chairmen of the standing committees; the Project Committee; President O. P. Kretzmann; Dean Margaretta Sackville Tangerman; Miss Eunice Kretzmann; Dr. L. A. Wehling; Mr. E. H. Ruprecht; Physical Education majors of the Women's Athletic Department under the direction of Miss Flynn, Miss Brown and Miss Foss; Mrs. Oliver Graebner; Dr. Fleischer; Mrs. E. A. Ritche, and to all who in any way, aided by their prayers, gifts and labors, added blessings to these days of busy meeting.

Following announcements by Mrs. Heidbrink pertaining to the banquet, the Convention was brought to a close at 4:55 P.M. with the praying of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew,  
Secretary

## Memorial Wreaths

Chapter	In Memory of:	Amount
<b>HAMMOND</b>		
	Mrs. Elsie Eggebrecht .....	\$110.00
	Mrs. Jeanette Heidtmann .....	2.00
	Mrs. Anna Myers .....	7.00
	Martin Findling .....	8.00
	Mrs. Meta Welsh .....	76.00
	Mr. Link .....	12.00
	Gertrude Tadewalde .....	2.00
	Mr. Fred Sonnenberg .....	3.00
	Mrs. Edw. Eggebrecht .....	5.00
	Mrs. Elsie Eggebrecht .....	5.00
	Mrs. Meta Welsh .....	10.00
	Mr. Martin Findling .....	5.00
	Mr. Martin Findling .....	10.00
<b>LOGANSPOUT</b>		
	(No Name Given) .....	5.00
<b>MERRILL</b>		
	Mrs. Gilbertson .....	13.00
	Mr. Robert Genrich .....	2.00
<b>MILWAUKEE</b>		
	Florence C. Brinkman .....	2.00
	Mrs. Emma Zschomler .....	5.00
	Mrs. Emma Zschomler .....	2.00
	Mr. August Linde .....	2.00
<b>MILWAUKEE EVE</b>		
	Emma Greve .....	20.00
	Gustav Reiser .....	2.00
<b>MISHAWAKA-SOUTH BEND</b>		
	Louis Grabowski .....	5.00
	Velma Mae Cones .....	25.00
	Paul Droege .....	2.00
	Mrs. Marie Rossow .....	5.00
<b>MONROE</b>		
	Harley Waitman .....	6.00
	Mrs. Edmund Grauf .....	2.00
<b>MOUNT CLEMENS</b>		
	Mrs. Emelie Dick .....	23.00
	Dr. H. H. Wiley .....	2.00
<b>OLEAN</b>		
	Mr. William Young .....	5.00
	Mrs. Emma Markert .....	10.00
<b>OSHKOSH</b>		
	Mr. Walter Busse .....	6.00
<b>REEDSBURG</b>		
	Mrs. Josephine Kleb .....	19.00
	Mr. Albert Gade .....	1.00
	Corp. Arvid E. Steele .....	21.00
<b>ROCKFORD (St. Paul's)</b>		
	Mr. Elmer Fogg .....	14.00
<b>AKRON</b>		
	Mr. Louis Heinz .....	5.00
<b>ANTIGO</b>		
	Mr. A. L. AveLallement .....	1.00
	Mr. M. E. Uebel .....	2.00
<b>APPLETON</b>		
	Julius Schneider .....	6.00
<b>BALTIMORE</b>		
	Mrs. Elizabeth Leutner .....	2.00
<b>BAY CITY</b>		
	Mrs. John Lange .....	2.00
<b>BUFFALO</b>		
	Marie Sievert Kulow .....	5.00
	Bertha W. Schutt .....	10.00
	Harry E. Clans .....	10.00
<b>CHICAGO</b>		
	Mrs. Tatge .....	100.00
	Bertha Glawe .....	7.00
<b>DETROIT</b>		
	Mrs. Hanna Drott .....	11.00
	Rev. Otto Marohn .....	7.00
	Mrs. John Westphal .....	5.00
	Mrs. Bartlett LaDue .....	20.00
	Mr. Harry Eberline .....	15.00
	Mrs. Marie Weisse .....	2.00
<b>DUNDEE</b>		
	Mrs. Emma Bruening .....	5.00
<b>EAU CLAIRE</b>		
	Lambert Kopplin .....	17.00
<b>ELGIN</b>		
	Mr. Fred Reimer .....	3.00
	Mr. Fred Reimer .....	3.00
	Mrs. Katherine Lohr .....	2.00
	Col. Clyde C. Miner .....	2.00
	Mrs. Minnie Broederdorf .....	2.00



# NOTES

## *by the Convention Reporter*

"Behold, I Have Set Before Thee An Open Door." If there were no other word from the Scriptures to inspire the Guild, this one, chosen for the motto of the 21st annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild, would be an invitation and a challenge sufficient to carry each member to new unknown heights in the task set before her.

The convention was blessed from the beginning to its happy ending with perfectly beautiful fall weather as we know it here in the middle west.

My privilege and duties as convention reporter gave me a brand new view of a national

Guild convention. It furnished me with an opportunity and desire to want to see everything going on and be a part of it. After covering as many meetings, conferences, and events as time would allow, I have come away more than ever convinced that the annual Guild convention does priceless things to its officers, delegates, and members in making evermore clear the value of the Guild as part of the University and in renewing the zeal that each member must feel if she is to go back to her chapter and attempt new goals.

It seemed to this reporter, if such a thing were possible, that this particular convention had seen its challenge and met it with a very business-like, smooth-running, well-functioning, and purposeful agenda.

Registration, special committee meetings and a meeting of all field secretaries and chapter presidents were held Friday forenoon. All were very well attended and fruitful in accomplishments.

The executive board meeting on Friday afternoon became so spirited in discussion it had to be halted so that the representatives



**SPEAKERS' TABLE at convention banquet**



could get their dinners before the evening schedule began.

On Saturday morning, national president, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, opened the general meeting and in her own very sincere way in her annual report struck the key for the whole convention. Her very evident interest in the good of the Guild inspired many to enter discussions and to voice their interest regarding the welfare of the Guild in its work for the University. Detailed reports of the actual items brought up, discussed, and accomplished will be found elsewhere in this bulletin in reports from the separate officers, committee heads, etc.

During the general business meeting Mrs. E. W. Schultz, of the Milwaukee chapter and also first national president of the Guild, presented to President Kretzmann in the name of all the past president three large, beautiful Bibles covered with red leather and inscribed in gold letters, to be used in the chapels of the residence halls.

It would not be this reporter's intention to convey that the convention was all work and no play. I am convinced that it was one of the most sociable ever. It seemed everyone just wanted to greet all of her old Valpo friends and make as many new ones as time would allow.

Sociability just had to result from the friendliness and happiness shown at the social hour held in Kroencke Hall on Friday night. During the evening an interesting program of rhythm and exercises by physical education majors showed the type of work that is done by the girls in physical education at the university and what the average coed chooses and wears in the matter of clothes while on the campus. The models in both groups just gave us a small sample of the attractiveness of our university girls. The members of the Crown Point chapter together with a committee from the Valparaiso chapter headed by Mrs. H. C. Hesse proved very charming and efficient hostesses, serving delicious refreshments to climax the social hour of the first convention day.

On Saturday night the annual convention banquet in the gym of Central High School found its participants in a candle-lighted room where beautifully decorated tables boasted quaint bird-feeders among leafy branches with colorful birds for companions. Here we heard lovely music and dined sumptuously, while very charming Mrs. M. F. Borgelt of the Minneapolis chapter acted as toastmistress. During the evening the Guild presented Mrs. Leonard Oehmke with a gift of appreciation. The banquet evening was highlighted by the very interesting and informative address, "The Edu-



**BREAKFAST IN ALTRURIA.** Mrs. Paul Seehausen pouring.

cation of Women," by Kate Hevner Mueller, associate professor, college of education, of the University of Indiana.

The evening was brought to a very fitting close in the quiet and beauty of Immanuel Church, with organ music by Mrs. Oliver Graebner, when Dr. Kretzmann delivered an inspiring address on rededication and installed the national officers of the Guild during the vesper service.

Sunday morning, very early, found us down in the Altruria dining room to enjoy a hearty breakfast served to us by the untiring members of the Valparaiso Chapter.

We later attended the Sunday morning service in the University Auditorium where the Reverend Professor Richard Caemmerer of Concordia Seminary of St. Louis reassured and again inspired our members to continue to offer "A Doorway for the Word."

And so the 21st annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild became a part of the past but it had done its very necessary part in helping its members to want to strive for new horizons in "building with the Guild."

Olivia O. Ritchie, reporter